(b) what has been the Centre's reaction thereto and what measures the State Government has been advised to adopt; and

(c) what has been the State Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government is in constant touch with the Government of Punjab regarding the situation in the State. The State Governmen have raised issues like implementation of Punjab Accord, resolving of the issues like transfer of Chandigarh, rehabilitation of Army deserters and release of Jodhpur under trials. Various steps have been taken in this regard. Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement on Punjab issues, 8 items, including rehabilitation of those discharged from Army have already been implemented. Action has been initiated to implement the remaining three items, including the issue of transfer of Chandigarh. The Government has ordered a review of the cases of undertrials in Jodhpur jail. The all party campaign launched against terrorism and for national unity in Punjab has yielded encouraging results. The State Government is extending co-operation in this regard and has informed that it is totally committed to the curbing of terrorism in the State and that the action against terrorism and lawless elements would continue unabated.

Construction of multi-storey flats in Chandigarh

1648. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct multistorey flats in Chandigarh to meet the shortage of housing and whether land is available therefore; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of Freedom Fighters' Pension to Azad Gomantak Dal

1649. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant freedom fighters' pension to the youth who liberated Dadra Nagar Haveli in the name of Azad Gomantak Dal on August 2, 1954 from foreign regime;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Persons who have undergone the minimum quantum of suffering in connection with the merger movements/liberation of the country, as prescribed under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme are eligible for grant of freedom fighters' pension from the Central Revenues irrespective of the banner under which they had been carrying on their struggle, provided that they are in a position to establish their claims of suffering by way of documents/certificates prescribed under the Scheme.

Delinking of jobs from degrees in the Department of Tourism

1650. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to delink jobs from degrees in the Department of Tourism, ITDC and other related departments; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.